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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 22 and cancel claims 8-18 without prejudice. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below.

1. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding an effector protein for the Grb7 family of signalling proteins, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 and wherein said polynucleotide molecule encodes a polypeptide that binds Grb7.

2-4. (Cancelled)

- 5. (Previously presented) A host cell transformed with the polynucleotide molecule of claim 1.
- 6. (Previously presented) The host cell of claim 5, wherein the host cell is a mammalian, insect, yeast or bacterial host cell.
- 7. (Previously presented) A method of producing a protein, comprising culturing the host cell of claim 5 under conditions suitable for the expression of the polynucleotide molecule and optionally recovering the protein.

8-18 (Cancelled)

- 19. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide molecule according to claim1, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.
- 20. (**Previously presented**) A vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule according to claim 1.

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21. (Previously presented) A vector according to claim 20, wherein the polynucleotide

molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

22. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding an effector protein for

the Grb7 family of signalling proteins, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide

sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to that shown in SEQ ID NO:1 and wherein said

polynucleotide molecule encodes a polypeptide that binds Grb7.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) A host cell transformed with the polynucleotide molecule of claim

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25. (Previously presented) The host cell of claim 24, wherein the host cell is a mammalian,

insect, yeast or bacterial host cell.

26. (Previously presented) A method of producing a protein, comprising culturing the host cell

of claim 24 under conditions suitable for the expression of the polynucleotide molecule and optionally

recovering the protein.

27. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide molecule according to claim 22, wherein

the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

28. (Previously presented) A vector comprising a polynucleotide molecule according to claim

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29. (Previously presented) A vector according to claim 28, wherein the polynucleotide

molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

30. (Cancelled)

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31. (Previously presented) A polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.